

Amendments

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.121, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification by inserting the replacement lines 15-22 below on page 12.

At this point, tensioning pins (62 and ~~63~~ 64, Figure 1) are extended. The tying head twists the wire into a knot. In order to effect tying, tension is placed on the wire by reversing the drive wheels. This tension pulls the wire out from between the two halves, 402 and 404, of the wire guide track as shown by the releasing action in Figures 5 and 6. As the wire is tensioned and breaks out of the channel, 406, the wire is pulled tight around the bale and also around tensioning pins, 62, and 64, respectively.

Once the tying head has completed the twist knot, tensioning pins, 62 and ~~63~~ 64, are retracted by a solenoid (not shown) until they are out of contact with the wire.

Please amend the specification by inserting the replacement lines 9-18 below on page 14.

Figures 7-10 also illustrate a partition 550 for creating multiple receptacles within the wide aperture 520 for receiving wire. The partition 550 is operatively connected to the inside face of one-half of the wire guide track. In some embodiments, each wire guide track section half includes the partition 550. The partition 550 is preferably connected to the wire guide track through the use of bolts or screws, but may be attached by other means, such as by welding. The partition 550 can have various shapes and only one possible shape is shown. The partition is optimally shaped to guide the progressing wire either upwardly or downwardly such that wire enters the wide aperture 520, the progressing wire is directed above or below the partition 550, and the wire is guided into the tapered groove 532. In some embodiments, there may be more than one partition. As can be seen in the drawing figures, each track section half has a top T and

a bottom B opposite the top, and the partition 550 is located intermediate the top T and the bottom B. Moreover, as can be seen in figures 7-10, the partition 550 is centrally located within the wide aperture 520 and extends from a leading edge 560.